

Remarks

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Applicants have amended Claims 8 and 13 for each claim to include the limitations of Claim 1. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-7, 14-17, and 104. Thus, the rejections of Claims 1-7 and 14-17 are moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending Claims 8-13, 18-62, 103, and 105-127 in light of the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 16 has been cancelled, thus the rejection of Claim 16 is moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,989,020 (from hereon "Glass"). Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-7 and 14-17, thus the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 14-17 is moot.

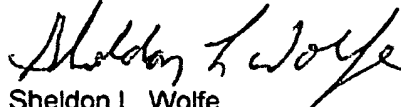
DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-62, 103, and 105-127 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-84 of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,726 in view of Glass. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting reject over Claims 1-62, 103, and 105-127. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request removal of the rejections over Claims 1-62, 103, and 105-127.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2-4, 8-13, 18-62, and 103-127.

Respectfully submitted,



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